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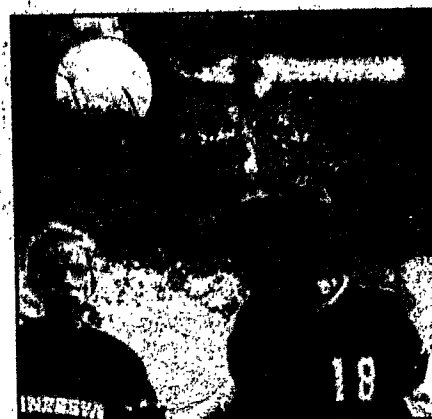
OLA, Stanislaus soccer teams
both bring home the gold, winning
state championships.

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Diamondhead's Citizen of the Year

NASA architect Ed
Gobert tapped as D'heads
number one citizen.

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Parent/Family Night at Pass Elementary

Chris Vinsonhaler will
offer a "musical literature
talent" presentation during
Parent/Family Night at
Pass Christian Elementary
today at 6 p.m.

St. Paul Carnival team plans Valentine dance

The Nanette Carter
and Robin Rafferty team
for St. Paul's Carnival
Assoc. will sponsor a
Valentine Kids Dance on
Friday, 6-9:30 p.m., in the
school gym. There will be
chaperones, food, raffles,
music, crafts. Ages 3-12
are welcome. \$3 per child.

Babe Ruth Baseball registration begins

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baseball registration for
children ages 4-12 at the
Bay baseball complex on
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Call Kevin at 255-2997 or
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'Drifter' murder suspect trial continues

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Final arguments could come as
early as today in the trial of a "drifter"
accused of the July 2000 slaying of
Sharon Gwynette Spiers in her
Shoreline Park home.

Assistant District Attorney Chris
Schmidt wrapped up the prosecution's

case yesterday in the capital murder
trial of William Roger McNeill, alias
Jack Jenkins, alias "Beep," who at one
time had lived with the victim.

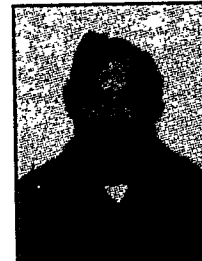
Spiers bled to death on July 5, 2000
after being tied up and hit on the head
with a blunt instrument.

The then-47-year-old McNeill, a
Tennessee native described by

Hancock County Sheriff's Department
investigators at the time as a "drifter,"
was arrested the next day on unrelat-
ed check forgery charges.

Chief Investigator Robert Lambert
said after the murder that Spiers had
come to know McNeill through a circle

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William
Roger
McNeill is
on trial for
the Nov.
2000 mur-
der of
Sharon
Gwynette
Spiers.

A ROYAL WELCOME



The magnificent Mardi-Gras costumes of Carter Church will be on display at the Hancock
County Welcome Center on Interstate I-10 through the holiday season. Church, a Bay St.
Louis resident, has made the season more festive for 45 years with his colorful creations.

Man claims to have bomb, robs Waveland Whitney Bank

Second bank heist
in same parking lot
since Nov. 2002

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

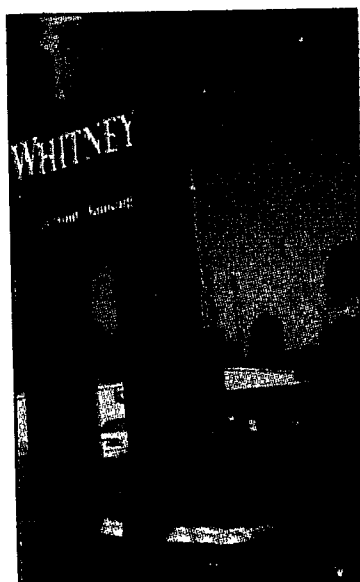
Police are still looking for
an unidentified man who
robbed the Waveland
branch of the Whitney Bank
on at around 1:15 p.m. on
Tuesday.

Waveland Police Chief
James Varnell said Tuesday
that the "Suspect threat-
ened to blow up the bank
with a bomb if the teller did
not give him the cash."

The man escaped with an
undisclosed amount of
money and drove away from
the scene, heading east on
Hwy. 90 in an "older model
black station wagon,"
Varnell said.

The suspect was
described as "a white male,
approximately 5'10, 195
pounds, dressed all in black,
with black hat and dark
sunglasses."

Varnell said that all



Police converged on the
Waveland Branch of the
Whitney Bank Tuesday after
being alerted it had been
robbed by a man claiming to
have a bomb.

Coast law enforcement
agencies were notified by
radio and the National
Crime Information
Computer system.

Police said on Wednesday
that there is as yet no indi-

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Deputies grab 3 pounds of pot, bust Hwy. 603 meth lab

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The Hancock County Sheriff's
Department Narcotics Division, assist-
ed by the Criminal Investigation
Division, last week arrested a Bayside
Park man, seizing more than three
pounds of marijuana.

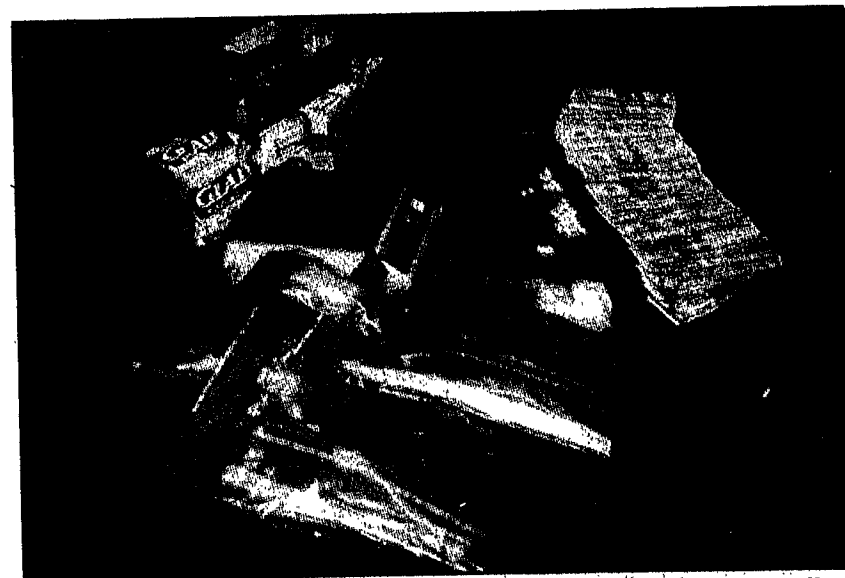
Sheriff Steve Garber and Narcotics
Division Director Matt Karl said yes-
terday that investigators arrested
Jimmy Barr at his 6015 East
Lafayette, Bayside Park home after
receiving information from a confiden-

tial informant that Barr was selling
narcotics and had in his possession a
stolen all-terrain vehicle.

Garber said that officers obtained a
search warrant and went to Barr's
home, confiscating the marijuana, the
ATV, "several hydrocodone tablets," and
\$1,146 in cash.

Barr was charged with possession
with the intent to distribute and pos-
session of stolen property, Garber said,
and taken to the Hancock County

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Hancock County deputies last week seized three pounds of marijuana,
a gun, several narcotics tablets and more than \$1,000 in cash
from a Bayside Park.

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NASA architect Gobert named Diamondhead Citizen of the Year

BY ERIC NYE

Contributing Writer

Ed Gobert, an architect and longtime NASA employee, was named Citizen of the Year by the Diamondhead Community Association at its annual meeting on Friday night in the Diamondhead Country Club.

DCA President Harry LaCoste praised Gobert for serving the community without fanfare for years. Gobert, a native of Lafayette, La., has lived in Diamondhead for 22 years and worked at NASA for 25 years, LaCoste said.

LaCoste described Gobert as a familiar sight, driving around Diamondhead in his red pickup truck. Among Gobert's many contributions to the community, he designs the layout of the Diamondhead Arts and Crafts Festival in front of the country club every year, LaCoste said.

DCA Secretary Kristin Alyea said she spots Gobert at community meetings all the time, sporting his distinctive handlebar mustache and clutching designs for playgrounds and buildings.

"Ed does everything quietly, and whatever it is for free," Alyea said.

Dick Weber, past president of the Diamondhead Property Owners Association, said Gobert is one person who does the most for Diamondhead and is least known.

Gobert serves as a volunteer on the POA's architecture committee, reviewing preliminary building permits for compliance with codes and covenants, Weber said.

"He was instrumental with his mind and his hands in building children's swings and slides," Weber said. "And nobody knows that. He's a great person."

Gobert designed two children's play stations, a sandbox, canopies for the swimming pool, a concession stand, two volleyball courts and a baseball diamond at the Diamondhead East Recreation area, said Darrell Kinchen, POA supervisor of roads and grounds.

Without Gobert's input, new POA buildings and facilities wouldn't blend in or function properly, Kinchen said. Gobert designed French drains for the two volleyball courts and even helped pour the concrete for the playground, Kinchen said.

Barbara Gibbons, president of the Diamondhead Youth Organization, said Gobert calculated the grade of the playground, using his architect's know-how.

"He's very patient and involved. Whatever he does is 100 percent," Gibbons said.

Judy Ryan, a member of the POA's youth committee, said Gobert acted as liaison between the POA and the DYO throughout the East Rec construction project. She credited him with spearheading the playground and called him a real advocate for the children in Diamondhead.

Before designing the East Rec baseball diamond, Gobert coached the Diamondhead Volcanos



Photo by Eric Nye

Ed Gobert and his wife Mary thank well-wishers after Gobert was named Citizen of the Year by the Diamondhead Community Association at Diamondhead Country Club on Friday.

baseball team, said DCA board member Phyllis Hamburg.

Gobert coached more than athletics, Hamburg said. He mentored Hamburg's son Daniel on his advanced-placement English paper at Hancock High School, she said. Gobert even accompanied

Daniel when he defended his paper in front of a panel of teachers.

"He took time in evenings when he could have been home," Hamburg said.

Inspired by Gobert's example, Daniel is now a second-year architecture student at Mississippi State University, Hamburg said.

On Friday night, emotion filled Gobert's voice as he accepted the trophy for citizen of the year from LaCoste.

Addressing an audience of about 70 DCA members, Gobert said, "I keep doing what I do for Diamondhead because I believe in the place."



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Southern Regional capacity questioned

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Just how much treatment capacity does the Southern Regional Wastewater in Waveland have? The question was once again brought to the forefront by District Engineer Duke Levy at Tuesday's monthly board meeting when he presented a report from Metcalf and Eddy. Levy said that the report from Metcalf and Eddy clearly shows the plant to have a current capacity of 4.9 million gallons per day (MGD). Levy personally funded the new study.

Metcalf and Eddy is an internationally recognized engineering firm in business since 1917. The firm authored the engineering manual that URS (the firm that completed a \$130,000 study in August) used for their evaluations.

"This is good news," Levy said. "This means we have the capacity for sewer treatment for about 19,000 more people." (Please note that

this is people, not households. The county currently treats sewage for about 30,000 people, Levy said.)

Treatment capacity is a serious issue for many Hancock County residents who are waiting for sewage treatment, many who have no access to treatment and are unable to complete construction plans, and many who are facing costly upgrades to their home systems.

Levy has maintained that the plant has a treatment capacity of about 5 MGD but engineering consulting firm URS, hired by the Southern Regional and the Gulf of Mexico Program last year to do an analysis, returned a report in August that indicated that the plant had a capacity of only 3.2 to 3.5 MGD. The firm recommended spending about \$1 million to add new digesters that they said would bring capacity up to 4 MGD.

Last month the board approved plans to go forward with adding the

digesters and with plans for two satellite plants in Pearlinton and Kiln to serve customers in those areas and remaining customers in the Hancock County Sewer and Water District. HCSW District director Eddie Renz said about 1000 people are waiting for service in the district. He has questioned repeatedly whether Southern Regional has the capacity to treat those customers.

As well as reporting on capacity, Metcalf and Eddy's report addresses two other issues, the reasonableness and cost effectiveness of the original master plan for the district and the evaluation of sludge management which encompasses the odor problem at the plant.

Some of the recommendations made are:

- Steps that could be implemented now to remedy the odor problem.
- Continued implementation of the master plan as the most cost effective decision, which includes adding

capacity up to 6 MGD at the Waveland plant and no satellite plants at this time. The plan also includes pulling the treated wastewater out of Edward's Bayou and switching to spray irrigation.

- Use of the centrifuge system for 10 to 15 hours per week to de-water sludge for land fill or composting as the most cost effective sludge handling alternative, especially as usage increases, tables in the report show.
- Conversion of the plant's oldest aeration tank and its clarifier to aerobic digesters, which can be done at minimal cost, the report says. This step may be taken, the report says, if the Board feels the need for extra assurance that aerobic digesters will be adequate and should be a step in the master plan when usage approaches an average flow of 4 MGD.

Board members said they would study the report.

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Stalled courthouse renovations could resume sometime 'soon'

BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Work should resume on the Hancock County Courthouse "sometime soon," though no one can say just when that will be. Work has been held up on the building for several months now while County Supervisors and other officials, engineers and contractors try to sort out problems with a potentially hazardous situation existing in the crawl space under the 90 year old structure.

Late Friday, architect Ed Wycoff sent a letter to GM&R Construction, contractors for the project, directing them to return to work under the Center for Environmental Health's (TCEH) safety plan, said Chantry Clerk Tim Kellar.

On Tuesday, Kellar received GM&R's response. The letter from Henry Martinez Jr. stated that the company had received Wycoff's letter asking workers to return to work in the contaminated area under the courthouse.

Martinez indicated that Covington and Associates, their consultants did not agree with TCEH's safety

plan. The letter went on to indicate that workers would return to work under protest, following Covington's more stringent safety recommendations.

The letter also said that GM&R reserved the right to file a claim for additional time and costs resulting from the discovery of the contaminated soil.

Last fall, several workers who were in the crawl space became ill due to what may have been toxic chemical poisoning from the residue of several chemicals including the banned pesticide Chlordane found in the soil in the confined space.

Such chemicals were used routinely in the past to treat soil prior to building. The EPA banned all uses of the chemical in 1988.

Each side in the dispute has hired environmental consultants to assess the situation.

The consultants disagree as to the seriousness of the problem. When the workers fell ill, GM&R hired Covington to check into the problem; the county and Compton Engineering hired TCEH.

Covington's safety plan initially recommended

removal of contaminated soil and later consultants agreed to downgrade their recommendations to mandatory use of respirators and protective clothing for workers in limited shifts beneath the building.

TCEH recommended a safety plan that would require workers return to work with optional use of dust masks.

When contacted, owner Henry Martinez Sr. said that their consultants still stand by their original reports.

"We will return to work but it is impossible to determine at this time exactly when," Martinez said. "Workers are in the process of implementing Covington's safety plan which includes ordering protective clothing, getting physical examinations and undergoing safety training."

"How long that will take I can't say," Martinez said. But indicated that a week to ten days could be a possible time frame. As far as when the project will be finished, it is impossible to say at this time, he said.

"We are just ready to move forward with the project," said Kellar.

New Hancock Civil Defense director named

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors have named Assistant Bay St. Louis Fire Chief Brian Adams as a replacement the position of Fire Coordinator/Civil Defense Director for the county. Adams will replace retired Fire Marshall Richard Pate and Civil Defense Director Lynette Carbon who has a

new position with the county as Safety Coordinator/Inventory Control Clerk.

Adams was born and raised in Bay St. Louis, where he resides with his wife Laura and their three children.

His career with the fire service began 18 years ago when Adams served as a fire fighter in the Diamondhead Volunteer Fire Department. He rose to

the rank of captain and also served as a training officer.

In 1994 he left the department to serve as Assistant Fire Chief in Bay St. Louis. Among his credentials are certifications in fire fighting, fire service, fire instruction, fire investigation, and fire inspection.

Adams will take over the position on Monday. His office will be located at the Civil Defense Office on Ulman Ave.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

OLA, SSC claim soccer titles, Coast Chorale goes to NY

Hats off to Our Lady Crescents and St. Stanislaus Rockachaws on capturing state soccer titles Saturday.

Our Lady Crescents have set a record in soccer which will be hard to match, as OLA has won four consecutive soccer championships for the Bay St. Louis all-girls school in the 1-2-3A Division. St. Stanislaus won the 4-A state title in soccer defeating the Pearl High School Pirates in the title match 3-1. Pearl was no strangers to the Rocks as they fell to them in last year's title game.

OLA defeated St. Joseph's 1-0 for the title, the same team they have defeated for the title in two previous years.

So, once again, congratulations to the OLA Crescents and the SSC Rockachaws for their great victories in winning state soccer championships.

I feel it was a great invitation for members of the Coast Chorale to be invited to perform at Carnegies Hall today under the direction of John Rutter.

The group left Monday for their journey and will join 10 other ensembles from across the United States and Canada to participate in the U.S. premiere of Rutter's work, which was the anthem for Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee.

Since Aug. 20, 2002, Coast Chorale has been rehearsing for the Carnegie Hall show under the direction of Bay St. Louis resident Joy Mehrtens.

There are several others from Hancock County who are members of the Coast Chorale group, and I hope they are having a great time in New York.

In case you have a water craft, you need to make sure your registration is up-to-date.

It seems there are more motor craft on the waters, but there have been a reduction in the numbers of boat registration renewals.

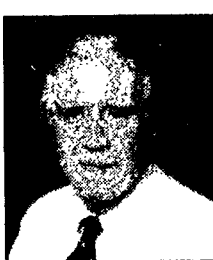
Within a few weeks the Department of Wildlife boating officers will begin patrolling marinas, lakes, rivers, canals and other public waterways looking for boats with expired registrations.

Just like your auto, or truck, you need to keep your registration up-to-date.

Leake County woman is matriarch of black voting power for the state of Mississippi

No politician running for statewide office, or any other office in the vicinity of Leake County who wants black votes, will make the mistake of not making the trek to Harmony community to seek Winson Hudson's blessing.

Now 86, Winson Hudson is the matriarch of the state's black voting power. But Hudson didn't



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

accede to that revered status merely by living so long.

She earned it with dauntless courage, working mostly behind-the-scenes, beginning in the early 1960s when most other blacks in Mississippi were still afraid to challenge the white-controlled

generations had owned farm land in Leake County (a prototypical white-majority rural Mississippi county in the very center of the state) Hudson, with her sister, Dovie, became a rallying-point for the historic civil rights struggle.

Harmony is an all-black enclave isolated for a century and a half in the red-clay hills 14 miles from the county seat in Carthage.

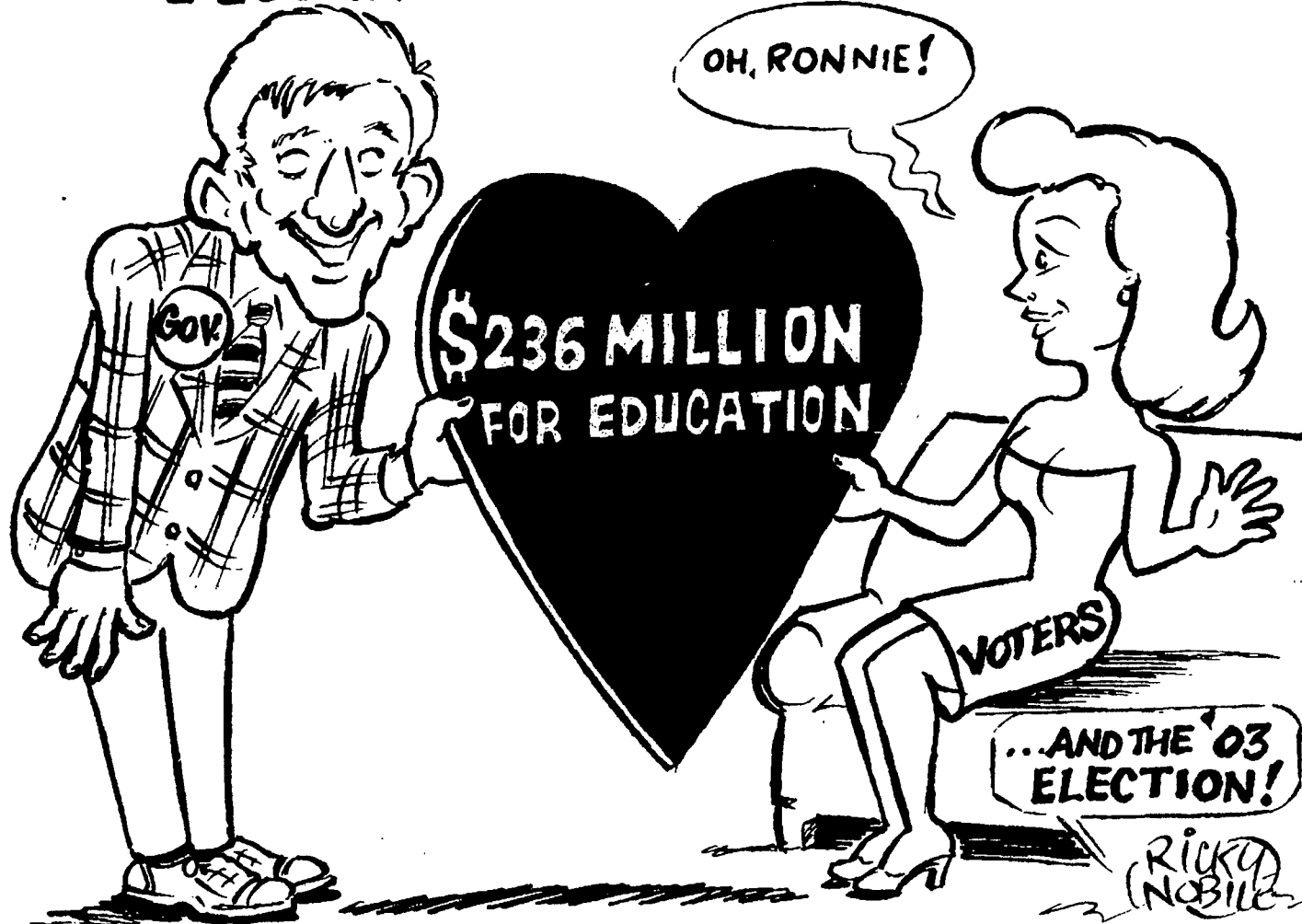
Winson Hudson's story, told in her own words, with collaboration of Constance Curry, the well-known author of works on the civil

rights movement, has now been put between the covers of a new book, "Mississippi Harmony. Memoirs of a Freedom Fighter," published by St. Martin's Press.

Last week the Mississippi House of Representatives honored Mrs. Hudson in a joint resolution sponsored by Rep. Robert Clark, of Ebenezer, who, significantly, in 1968 became the first black to sit in the Legislature since Reconstruction.

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JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINE'S...



FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator Trent Lott

Stopping a blow to flood control plans in Delta

On the Senate floor, Senator Cochran and I recently led a successful effort to soundly defeat a Senate amendment that would have been a blow to flood control plans in the Mississippi Delta, specifically the Yazoo Backwater Pump project.

With no regard to the many poor Mississippi residents whose homes and businesses are threatened by the flooding which the pump would control, the amendment was offered by a senator from the dry, mountainous, desert state of Arizona.

Needless to say, Arizona is a place with weather patterns, economic makeup, geography and natural disasters much different from that found in our Mississippi Delta.

Though many of our fellow Americans may not live with or fully comprehend the threat of floods, Mississippians have coped

with flooding throughout our history.

In fact, during the "Great Flood" of 1927, flood waters killed more than 500 people, leaving 700,000 people homeless and 27,000 square miles under water.

In response to this event, Congress passed the Flood Control Act of 1929, making flood protection in the Mississippi Valley a federal responsibility. Part of this plan called for the construction of the Yazoo Backwater Pump - a project authorized in 1941 to reduce flooding in the south Delta, which is today one of our nation's poorest areas.

The project makes sense because almost half of the continental United States drains through the Delta. We are in the neck of a huge natural funnel which gives us very fertile soil, but at the same time it threatens lives with flooding. A trained engineer, former Mississippi Governor Kirk

Fordice once remarked that flooding was one of the worst kinds of natural disasters, and I agree.

When flood waters get into a home, the home is virtually uninhabitable thereafter. The smell from the receding water is awful. The sediment is almost impossible to remove. Poisonous snakes, like water moccasins, often get into the home and bed there. Recovering from a flood can take months or even years.

Since passage of Flood Control Act of 1929, we have made great strides against flooding, but much remains to be done, particularly in the south Delta.

The five counties that will directly benefit from the Yazoo Pump - Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey, Washington, and Yazoo - are in great need of economic development and job creation. Yet, it is hard to create jobs in an area susceptible to chronic flooding.

As the Delta's own Clarksdale Press Register newspaper recently noted, it is impossible to separate the area's double-digit unemployment from the threat of flooding, "because the flood prone area is virtually useless for residential or commercial purposes, including agriculture." Thus, without the Yazoo Pump, the economy of the south Delta could remain repressed indefinitely.

Critics of the Yazoo pump consist of a hodgepodge of environmental extremists, Washington bureaucrats and liberal editorial writers - mostly from outside the Mississippi Delta.

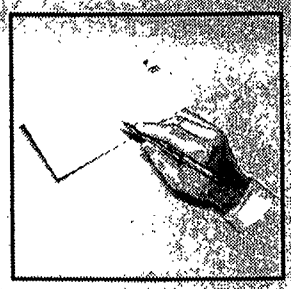
Even though the Yazoo Pump would help reforest more than 62,000 acres, protect more than 1,000 homes, and prepare the way for much needed new jobs, critics stubbornly contend the pump benefits only "wealthy planters."

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Letters to the Editor

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Minor -- the matriarch

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To his regret, a Leake County supervisor in the 1970s vowed he would never bring a highway through Harmony Community "As long as Winson Hudson lives there."

Not only was that supervisor booted out of office by black votes in the next election, but before long the whole Leake County Board of Supervisors, was, as Winson Hudson puts it, "wiped clean."

Now Harmony Community not only has a fine road running through it, there is a sign posted that says "Hudson Road."

When the first public schools were integrated in Mississippi in 1964, it was not unexpected that the larger cities of Jackson and Biloxi would be where black children would register at previously all-white schools.

But the surprise was that a third breakthrough in public school desegregation came in the small town of Carthage in Leake County, a rural area that was on nobody's civil rights radar screen.

Of course, it was Winson Hudson, and her sister, Dovie-- who had just as much moxie as she--who were responsible for a black first-grader, Debra Lewis, to register at an all-white Leake County elementary school in September, 1964.

It was hardly an overnight happening. Three years earlier, the Hudson sisters, angered over county school authorities closing their beloved Rosenwald school which had been erected back in the 1920s by local blacks with money from the charitable Rosenwald Fund, gathered some 52 signa-

tures of black parents on a desegregation petition and filed a school desegregation lawsuit.

White reaction to the petition was predictably hostile, Hudson recalls in her memoir. Nightriders came through Harmony community firing guns into homes. Many of the signers lost their jobs, or had their credit cut off by merchants. Before long, only 13 names were left on the petition.

But with legal help from NAACP lawyers, and the persistence of Winson and Dovie, the Leake County black parents in 1964 won a federal court order that the schools would be integrated one grade at a time beginning in the first grade that Fall.

Then the task was to find parents of a first grader who would be willing to march up the steps of the "white" school. None of the Hudson children were of the right age.

However, the Hudson gals found one set of parents-- A. J. Lewis, and his wife, Minnie--whose daughter, Debra, was about to start elementary school. Little Debra turned out to be a real trooper as her mother, Minnie walked with her into the school.

"We didn't hear no bombs or shooting or nothing like that," Winson recalls. "Then they came out and everything was okay."

The headline in the local newspaper that week, Winson remembers, read: "Lone Negro Girl Enters Previous White School." A. J. Lewis, Hudson said, suffered reprisals--he was fired from his job and attempts were made to burn his house.

"You'd ask Debra how she was doing," Winson relates, "and she'd say, 'I'm all right.'" Hudson goes on to proudly tell the happy ending of Debra's historic experience: "Debra went right on ahead and finished high school in Leake County and it never seemed to have had effect on her."

Her travail trying three years to register to vote--and finally being registered in 1962--is another memorable experience of the civil rights pioneer. Invariably, the state's 1890 "read and understand" constitutional provision for voter registration was thrown at her, and invariably she was told by the circuit clerk she failed.

Once, in 1961 after she had marched through a knot of hostile white men standing outside the clerk's office and started to take the voter test, Hudson recalls that a man came in and put down a card with two big red eyes that said "the eyes of the Klan are upon you." She handed it to the clerk who nervously said, "I ain't got anything to do with that."

Ironically, the clerk registered her the next year after she simply wrote as her interpretation of a constitutional section: "It said what it meant, and it meant what it said."

When the 1964 Freedom Summer volunteers--many of them young whites from up North--came into the rural Leake County community, white terrorists began making forays into Harmony, but as related in John Dittmer's "Local People" they found Harmony armed and ready. Not a few bands of white nightriders were sent packing by young

Hudson men.

"The more they did to us, the meaner we got," Winson Hudson had said in a taped interview with student volunteers that summer.

Tracing her ancestry and that of her late husband, Cleo, for several generations in the rural central Mississippi area, Hudson not surprisingly reveals the admixture of white blood in the family tree.

One surprise here: She records that her husband, Cleo, was related to the white Barnett family of Leake County.

Best known of the Barnetts, of course, was Gov. Ross Barnett whose defiance of federal court decrees to admit James Meredith as the first black student at the University in 1962 stands as the classic symbol of Mississippi's massive resistance to racial integration.

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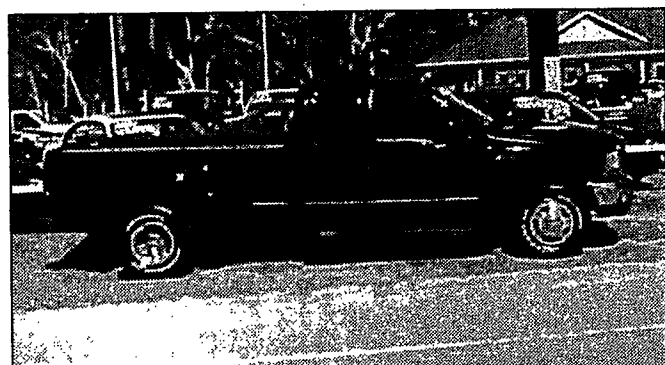
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The only alternative they offer south Delta residents is to just move - leave homes, businesses and family history behind in a government-forced sellout.

That doesn't sound like much of a plan to me, and I suspect it would be even less attractive to folks in the south Delta whose homes or businesses would be taken.

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people in Mississippi, not for those outside our state who have little appreciation for the unique natural and economic challenges facing Mississippians, particularly people in out Mississippi Delta. 1/30/03
Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

Solid Waste Authority plans meeting to discuss moratorium DEQ invited to Feb. 18 meeting at Depot

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Solid Waste Authority will meet Feb. 18 at 4 p.m. at the Depot to discuss the current status of its moratorium on landfills.

The board has invited representatives from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to help answer questions from the public.

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, who serves as chairperson of the board, said board members have several concerns about lifting the moratorium.

According to DEQ, Hancock County has 30

percent of the rubbish acreage in the state and only 2 percent of the population.

Currently, the county has 13 rubbish sites, one of which is a Class I. The remaining 12 are Class II rubbish sites.

A Class II site only allows the disposal of natural vegetation, brick, mortar, concrete, stone and asphalt. A Class I site allows those materials plus construction and demolition debris; cardboard boxes; appliances which have had the motor removed (except refrigerators); furniture; plastic, glass, crockery and metal

(except containers); sawdust, wood shavings and wood chips.

Another concern, Favre said, includes the possible negative impacts future sites could have on potential developments in the county if the sites are located outside of the Stennis Buffer Zone.

There are, however, possible advantages to lifting the moratorium.

Favre said new sites could provide better or more convenient access for residents and reduce unintentional litter along roads. Another possibility could be cheaper rates for disposal.

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Fire helps rare habitat at Nature Conservancy's Lakeshore Savanna Preserve

Conservancy plans to work with county on preserve access to prevent all-terrain vehicle damage.

The Nature Conservancy's Mississippi Chapter burned an important section of its Lakeshore Savanna Preserve last week to reduce fire hazards and enhance the ecological and conservation values of the land.

Prescribed fire is an integral component of the strategic management plan for the 120-acre preserve, one of the few remaining examples of relatively undisturbed Gulf Coast wet pine savanna, swamp strand system.

"We are proud of this

endeavor, which is part of a long-term commitment to collaboration with the fire management community to increase prescribed fire across the landscape," said Cynthia Ramseur, director of the Conservancy's Gulf Coast program.

The preserve management plan also addresses the need to secure the property against unauthorized vehicles, a need that is quickly becoming a priority. Last week, the pitcher plant bogs on the preserve were severely degraded due to trespass of all-terrain vehicles.

"The Conservancy wishes to serve notice to the community that such tres-

pass is not permitted and that violators will be prosecuted," Ramseur said.

Ramseur and staff plan

serve property by the local community throughout the year. The two groups are also considering the idea of

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to work with the Hancock County Greenways Project to determine appropriate uses and access to pre-

a demonstration/interpretive trail in partnership with Mississippi Coastal Preserves and Land Trust

for the Mississippi Coastal Plain.

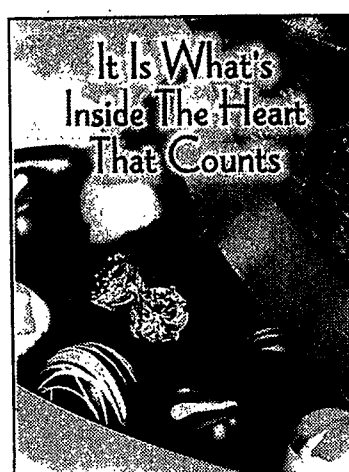
Lakeshore Savanna Preserve is a Mississippi Heritage Site protecting four of the state's rare species; night-flowering petunia, smooth-lipped eulophia orchid, tall lady's tresses orchid, and thin stem falsefoxglove. In addition to the pitcher plant bogs, the preserve contains a variety of savanna grasses.

The wet pine savanna habitat is home to rare savanna bird species, such as Bachman sparrow and Henslow sparrow, and is an important stopover habitat for neotropical migratory birds, such as prothonotary warbler.

To further protect the preserve, the Conservancy is hoping to someday expand it by buying adjacent parcels from willing sellers to create a buffer for fire and smoke management. The staff is also encouraging management agreements with adjacent landowners to achieve protection goals.

The Nature Conservancy is a nonprofit, conservation organization dedicated to preserving plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. Visit the organization online at nature.org/mississippi.

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Hancock DECA attends regional conference

Hancock Vocational Lodging and Hospitality DECA attended the DECA Regional Career Development Conference January 15, at Jones County Community College, in Ellisville. It was the first conference for the 2002-2003 competitive season.

The competitors in each event took a written test and participated in an oral roleplay with a judge. The test and roleplay scores are combined and the final score determines who will advance to the next level of competition.

Sixteen members, including Mrs. Lady Bruce, DECA advisor, represented the Hancock School District. Members representing Hancock DECA in competition were Melissa Smith, Jessica Fricke, Stephanie Gibson, Jessie Sherry, Joseph Everett, Miranda Rutherford, Brandon Sons, Kara Sotak, Amanda Loisel, Ashley Dickinson, Lindsey Wheeler, Tammy Ramsey, Kayla Summers, Sadie Thurman and Robin Fletcher.

Hancock returned home with eight regional winners. Finalists include Lindsey Wheeler, travel and tourism; Tammy Ramsey,

travel and tourism; Jessica Fricke, apparel and accessories; Kayla Summers, hospitality services; Ashley Dickinson, hospitality services; Joseph Everett, marketing management; Brandon Sons, vehicles and petroleum; and Jessie Sherry, full service restaurant.

These students will advance to the State Conference in Jackson, February 19-22. Students who qualify at the state level will advance to the DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida.



DECA Regional Finalist

Back row, left to right: Brandon Sons, Joseph Everett
Front row, left to right: Jessie Sherry, Lindsey Wheeler, Tammy Ramsey, Jessica Fricke, Ashley Dickinson, and Kayla Summers



DECA Regional Competitors

Back row, left to right: Lindsey Wheeler, Jessie Sherry, Miranda Rutherford, Jessica Fricke, Sadie Thurman, Kara Sotak, Amanda Loisel, Joseph Everett. Front row, left to right: Stephanie Gibson, Melissa Smith, Tammy Ramsey, Ashley Dickinson, Robin Fletcher, Kayla Summers, Brandon Sons.

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Dance Co. awards scholarships

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A total of \$1,000 was awarded to eight students based on an audition of an original piece of choreography. The scholarship program, now in its seventh year helps provide financial support to students based on talent and need.

The winners are: Sahra and Amira El-Hamaki, Amanda Giampaola, Mandie Nunez, Erica

Ammentorp, Rebecca Hubbard, Leann Graves and Mallory Webb.

The Dance Company of Diamondhead, under the direction of Kim Smith, is proud to announce that two of its students were chosen by the Harlequin Flooring Company for a national scholarship program.

Tammy Kieff and Laura Beth Muller were awarded \$1,000 each from the Harlequin Flooring Company to further their dance education. This year the Harlequin Flooring Company awarded \$15,000

to 16 dancers from the United States. The names are submitted by certified, degreed teachers and the students who qualify must be full-time students age 15-18.

What makes this a unique situation is that the names are randomly selected from all the entries across America.

This year alone, approximately 2,000 entries were received. The Dance Company was drawn out not once, but twice. Also, the Dance Company recieved this award in 2001 for another student.

Spring MSU 'Discovery' important day for 2003 freshmen, transfers

Students planning to enroll this year at Mississippi State are being encouraged to attend spring semester "Discovery: MSU."

The university's academic introductory program takes place 8-11:30 a.m. Feb. 14.

Following registration in the Colvard Union lobby, current high school and community college students and their parents, will attend a 9:30 a.m. opening assembly in the nearby ballroom. Participants then will

meet with advisers and faculty in the various fields of study, as well as staff members from the offices of admissions, campus housing, financial aid, cooperative education, and student organizations, among others.

"We remind students that May 1 is the application deadline for admission as a new freshman in the 2003 fall semester," said John Dickerson, director of enrollment services. "Though transfer students entering this fall have until Aug. 1 to

apply, they also may wish to attend this session since it's the only discovery program before that date."

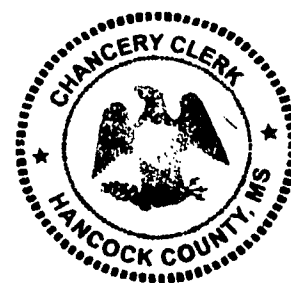
Academic competitions for juniors and seniors in the subjects of American history, art, chemistry, foreign languages, and physics also are a part of spring discovery activities.

For additional information on "Discovery," contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (662) 325-3076 or LEAD@msstate.edu.

Pigott named on Dean's List at Texas Christian University

Megan Elizabeth Pigott of Pass Christian was recently named to the Dean's List at Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth, having completed Fall 2002 classes with at least a 3.4 GPA.

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HANCOCK COUNTY HOME PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FEBRUARY 27, 2003

The Board of Supervisors, Hancock County, Mississippi is considering applying to Mississippi Development Authority for a HOME Grant of up to \$350,000 for Home Rehabilitation. The State of Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$15 million in HOME funds that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis to undertake eligible community development activities. There funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. to benefit low-and moderate-income persons;
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3. to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing, which will be held at Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, on February 27, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.

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Drugs -- busted

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Barr was later released on a \$60,000 bond and is awaiting trial.

Also last week, Garber said, deputies arrested a couple for allegedly running a methamphetamine lab.

Garber said that Deputy Jason Chandler pulled over Jeffery Burroughs in a routine traffic stop and, as Burroughs searched for his drivers license, "spotted a one-inch-by-one-inch

ziplock baggie containing an off-white powder."

Chandler took Burroughs into custody and requested back-up from the Narcotics Division. At the scene, Agent Abe Long tested the substance and determined it was methamphetamine.

During a search of Burroughs' residence, a log cabin on Hwy. 603, Garber said, Chandler, assisted by Deputy Ladner, Lt. Tim Broder and Deputy Danny

Gilkerson, saw in plain view some marijuana residue in an ash tray and some loaded syringes.

Burroughs' girlfriend, Victoria Bird, gave written consent for the deputies to search the home for narcotics, Garber said.

"Deputies located the remnants of a fully functional methamphetamine lab and approximately 4.42 grams of the finished product," Garber said.

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Bird was arrested and charged with manufacturing methamphetamine.

Burroughs was charged with careless driving, no insurance, suspended drivers license, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI and possession of a controlled substance.

The incidents are still under investigation.

Bank

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cation that the robbery was in any way connected with a November 2002 hold-up that occurred at the Waveland branch of the Hancock Bank — just on the other side of the parking lot from the Whitney.

In that robbery, an unidentified white man in a hat and dark glasses walked up to a teller and, according to Varnell, "produced what could have

appeared to be a bomb and asked for the teller's money," but the suspect appeared to be a little taller — around 6'1 to 6'2.

No one was injured in either hold-up.

Anyone with information in either of the cases is urged to call the Waveland Police Department at 467-3669 or the FBI at 864-6131.

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of friends, and had actually allowed the man to live in her home for a short while.

McNeill wasn't formally charged with Spiers' murder until December 2000, after evidence from the scene was analyzed at the state crime lab in Jackson.

McNeill was then charged with murder and "being a habitual criminal," due to two prior felony convictions.

Defense attorney Todd N. Thriffley was expected to begin calling witnesses in the case this morning.

Parents: Head Start registration to begin

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc. (M.A.P.), a non-profit child care organization announced its recruitment for the 2003-2004 school year. All children who will be 3 or 4 years of age or before September 1, 2003 are eligible and encouraged to apply at the Bay-Waveland Head Start Center, 301 Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis. Student enrollment is limited and parents should register early to secure a place for their child. Registration end on May 12.

Parents will need to have:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Proof of family Income (w-2 form).
- Compliance Letter from the Health Department
- Social Security Card

If you registered your child last year and were placed on the waiting list,

please come to the center to update your registration.

HEAD START MARDI GRAS PARADE

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WHEREAS, on January 3, 2003, New Century Mortgage Corporation, assigned said Deed of Trust unto Bank One, National Association, as trustee for the holders of ACE Securities Corp Home Equity Loan Trust Series 2002-HE1 Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, by instrument recorded in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 737 at Page 343; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C., as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by instrument recorded in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 787, Page 345; and

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Nereids parade to roll February 23

The Krewe of Nereids parade will roll on February 23 at 1 p.m. The parade will follow its traditional route on Highway 90 in Waveland.

All those interested in entering the parade can obtain an application at the Hancock County

Chamber of Commerce in Bay St. Louis.

While there is no entry fee, participants must show proof of insurance before riding. For more information, contact Janette Handshoe at (228) 831-5689 or Doloris Richmond at 467-9057.

Top teachers honored

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER Staff Writer

The Bay/Waveland School District honored their Teachers of the Year on Monday with an awards ceremony and party at the central office on Carroll Avenue. Teachers were nominated and voted on by their peers at each school.

Winning teachers were Kathy Ott, a biology and science teacher at Bay High School; Michael Weems, a Science teacher at Bay Waveland Middle School; Jackie Wintruba, a writing teacher at North Bay Elementary; Kelly Case, a 5th grade teacher at Second Street Elementary; Shannon Ladner, a kindergarten teacher at Waveland Elementary. Wintruba was also named the District Wide Teacher of the Year.

In other business:

• The district also recognized Ollie McKenna for her 50 years of service to the district as a kindergarten teacher. McKenna began her career in 1952. She also recently won an Ageless Hero Award. McKenna is 84 and obtained her Masters Degree two years ago.

• Also recognized was Waveland Elementary School for a Value Added Award the school received from Program for Research and Evaluation of Public

Schools at its winter conference in January. PREPS is the oldest and largest educational consortium in the state, said principal Becky McCaleb. Waveland won the award for higher than average scores on reading, language arts and math.

• Board members Richard Flowers, Sherry Ponder, Cleveland Williams, Bob Allen and Cheryl Ladner, as well as accountant Garland Cuevas and attorney Ronnie Artigues were also recognized for their service to the district.

• Board Secretary Dr. Sherry Ponder announced the reactivated Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. The committee was formed to look at the needs of education in the county, including public, private and community education needs.

The committee will begin their renewed activity with a Morning Coffee Call that will be held on February 26 at 7:45 - 9 a.m. at Second Street Elementary School in Bay St. Louis. Educators and interested public are invited to attend. Guest speaker will be Dr. William Lewis, President of Pearl River Community College.

• The next regular meeting of the board will be held on March 17, moved from March 10.

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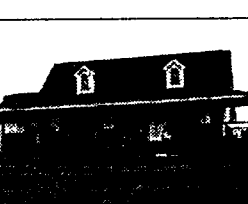
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BUSINESS NEWS

Dupont Delisle announces promotions, new employees

Dr. Kevin Smith has been named plant physician at DuPont's DeLisle plant, it has been announced by Aldo Morell, plant manager. Smith comes to DeLisle from DuPont's Camden, SC, plant, where he served as medical supervisor. Smith succeeds Dr. Frank Parisi who has retired.

A native of Rome, GA, Dr. Smith grew up in Mooresville, NC. He relocated to Cleveland, TN, upon leaving the military. He has been with DuPont since 1995. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University from which he received BS in Chemistry. He received his MD from Wake Forest University in 1986 and a Master of Public Health degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2001.

Smith is a veteran of the US Air Force. During his service, Dr. Smith served as chief of flight medicine or chief of aeromedical services at Anderson AFB in Guam, and at Columbus AFB, MS. He is a former clinical assistant professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine and a past member of the Preventive Medicine Advisory Committee at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

Lang named PR manager for Hyundai Alabama

Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC has announced the first additions to the company's public relations department. Bill Lang, a St. Stanislaus graduate and Pass Christian native, has been hired as the public relations manager. Laura Ahmann joins the company as a public relations specialist.

The public relations department will oversee all internal and external communications for Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC.

All requests for media interviews, public speaking engagements and invitations to attend events for HMMA employees should be made through the public relations department.

With over 15 years of public relations experience, Lang has extensive experience in internal and external communications. Last year, he oversaw the regional media relations efforts for the Hyundai groundbreaking and helped plan the event. Before joining Hyundai, Lang was a partner with Strategy Public Relations in Birmingham and Mobile.

He is no stranger to Montgomery, having worked on projects for both Governors Bob Riley and Don Siegelman. For Governor Riley, he orchestrated the children's event, which was part of the inauguration activities. During the Siegelman administration, Lang prepared public relations plans for the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel, launched ADECA's "Click It or Ticket" campaign, oversaw the DHR "Lost Dog's" effort and helped recruit state trooper applicants for the Department of Public Safety.

Before joining Strategy, Lang was the public relations director for Lewis Communications. While at Lewis, he worked on the following international

requirements for DuPont's Six Sigma statistical problem solving process. Marguerite Spears Mayfield, RN, has been named occupational health nurse. She is a native of Biloxi and a graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic High School. She received her associates in Nursing degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC). Prior to joining DuPont, Mayfield was employed by Biloxi Regional Medical Center in the emergency department.

She is a member of the Association of Occupational Health Nurses. She holds certifications in basic life support from the American Heart Association and in advanced cardiovascular life and pediatric life support and occupational hearing conservation.

Mayfield is the mother of two daughters, Christina who is a student at USM and Jennifer who attends MGCCC. She is an active member of Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church and also serves as financial secretary for Ladies of Peter Claver Society.

Nicole Tureaud has been named area engineer - Purification and Oxidation (P&O). In this role, she provides technical support to the P&O area and to capital projects. She also continues to provide area guidance as shift relief for team managers.

Tureaud is a native of New Orleans and a graduate of both Xavier University of Louisiana from which she received a

accounts: Hyundai Motor Company (South Korea), Acordis Fibers (England), Mitsubishi Polysilicon (England) and Phenolchemie (Germany). He also represented America's Junior Miss, Legends at Capitol Hill, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, Progressive Insurance, Protective Life, Florida Power and Light, Erlanger Medical Center, Thomas Hospital, Auntie Litter, Carillon Beach, Rock City, Alzheimer's of Central Alabama, New South Federal Savings and Masland Carpets.

Lang oversaw the internal and external communications efforts at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham before joining Lewis Communications. He holds a Master's degree in Public Relations from the University of Southern Mississippi and a B.S. in Art from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. Lang graduated from high school in 1982 at St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis. He is a native of Pass Christian and is married to Amy Anzalone-Lang. They have two children, Joseph, eight, and Madeline, six.

He serves on the board of directors for the Alabama chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. He is also a former president of the Alabama chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. He has been actively involved with the Arthritis Foundation, Alzheimer's of Central Alabama, American Cancer Society, Race for the Cure, March of Dimes and the United Way.

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BS in chemistry and Purdue University from which she received a master's degree in chemical engineering.

She joined DuPont as a Research & Development engineer in 1997 at Conoco's Ponca City, OK, plant when Conoco was a subsidiary of DuPont. In 1998, she moved to the company's Mount Clemens, Michigan, plant, as a process engineer. She transferred to DeLisle in 2002 as a P&O team manager, the position she held prior to her new assignment.

Tureaud serves as a volunteer mentor at DeLisle Elementary School and is a 1998 recipient of DuPont's corporate Volunteer Recognition Award for her volunteer work at a domestic violence shelter in Ponca City.

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Hancock County, a new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and worse- financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market. As this report uncovers,

most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable.

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GARY WAYNE WRIGHT

JOE BURROW JR.
 Joe "Billy" Burrow, Jr., 66, died Monday, February 10, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Burrow was a native of Gulfport and a lifelong resident of Hancock County. He was of the Methodist faith and a member of Main Street Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. He was a Past Member of the J.C.'s, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and various other organizations. He worked in the Banking Industry for 14 years at Merchants Bank and Gulf National Bank. He was owner and operator of Burrow's Dry Cleaners in Bay St. Louis for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe B. and Lisa Erwin Burrow Sr.; and a brother, Carlton Gary Burrow.

Survivors include his wife, Darling Normand Burrow of Kiln; and three sisters, Barbara Ann Burrow Stubbs of Beaumont, Texas, Lyndel Doleac of Orlando, Fla., and Deborah Joel Burrow.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. today at Main Street Methodist Church, Bay St. Louis. Services will be at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 6358, Gulfport, MS 39506, or American Lung Association of MS, P.O. Box 2178, Ridgeland, MS 39158 or charity of one's choice.

WILLIAM HANISEE SR.

William S. "Sid" Hanisee Sr., 88, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Hanisee was a native of New Orleans and was employed in the air cargo business and retired from Pan American Airways and Railway Express.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverley Moore Hanisee; a brother, Robert Quin; and a sister, Jane May Dalton.

Survivors include two sons, William S. Hanisee Jr. of Houston, Texas, and Robert Hanisee of Los Angeles; three daughters, Beverley Ward and Jean Garrett, both of Houston, and Susan Johnston of Bay St. Louis; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial will be in Hope Mausoleum in New Orleans.

RACHEL B. HAWKINS
 Rachel B. "Tutta" Hawkins, 82, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, in Waveland. Mrs. Hawkins was a native of Calhoun, Ala., and

a resident of Waveland. She was a member of the Church of the Living God. She was president of the Women Work, a member of the usher board. She also served as a teacher of the YPPU and the superintendent of Sunday school.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hubert Slater; mother, Phillis James; stepfather, Albert James; one son, Burlin Hawkins; one brother, Willie Smith; and one sister, Rosalee Smith.

Survivors include five sons: Gary, Lionel, Leroy and Leo Hawkins, all of Waveland; and Charles Hawkins of Westpoint; six daughters: Carol Bolling, Norita Henry, Cleo Willis and Terry Johnson, all of Waveland; Zenobia Wright of New Orleans; Carmel Cooper of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers: Allen James of Waveland and Alex James of Gillum, La.; two sisters: Bettye Clark of Mobile, Ala., and Phillis James of Tennessee; 34 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Feb. 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Mt. Chapel Baptist Church in Waveland with Elder Larry Blackman officiating. Burial will follow at Waveland Cemetery. Baylous Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

O.J. HOWE

O. J. Howe, 72, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Jay or O.J. as he was known to family and friends, was born in Las Animas, Colo. After completing his education he went to work at the Phillip's Petroleum Company as a resident Engineer then moved to work in the Space Program and later with N.O.A.A., Stennis Space Center. He was of the Presbyterian Faith and a Member of the First Presbyterian Church, Bay St. Louis. He was known to all the youngsters as PaPa J. He was a beloved husband, father, uncle and friend. He was active in Boy Scouts, American Legion and as Elder in the First Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Conrad Howe; a daughter, Eileen Sumrall; parents, Ira H. and Maude Counterman Howe; four brothers, Ted Binkley, Earl Howe, Don Howe, and Tommy Howe; and two sisters, Helen McGrath and Betty Howe.

Jay is survived by his wife of 47 years Patricia Howe; three daughters, Tracy, Jeanne, and Carol; one son Doug; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday at Waveland Methodist Church. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements. The family prefers memorials to Hope Haven, P.O. Box 37, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521 or the Salvation Army, 22nd Street, Gulfport, MS 39501.

ROY JOHNSON

Roy Victor Johnson, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

LEON JOSEPH
LEBLANC JR.

Leon Joseph LeBlanc Jr., 69, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003.

Mr. LeBlanc was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of St. Joseph's Church and a retired firefighter and former co-owner of N.B. Screen Co. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean conflict.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leon J. LeBlanc Sr.; and a brother, Gerald LeBlanc.

Survivors include his mother, Irene R. LeBlanc; a daughter, Donna LeBlanc Henry; and two siblings, Erlene Hymel and Milton LeBlanc.

Services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home Chapel in Metairie, La. The family prefers memorials in the form of Masses.

JULIE NECAISE

Julie Lynne Necaie, 41, died Sunday, February 9, 2003, in Pass Christian.

Julie Lynne Necaie was a native of Meridian and a longtime resident of the Gulf Coast since 1965. She graduated from Long Beach High School.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Herman Gray Johnson, Charles and Edna Earl Ellzey, and an uncle, Rickey Ellzey.

Survivors include her husband, David "Coon" Necaie of Pass Christian; a son, Gage Necaie of Pass Christian; a daughter, Jettie Necaie of Pass Christian; her father, Charlie Ellzey and his wife, Deeta of Diamondhead; her mother, Lynne Grimes and her husband, Sam of Gulfport; three sisters, Pam Ladner of Pass Christian; Kim Ross and her husband, Mike of Diamondhead, and Sharie Miller and her husband, Robert of Diamondhead; her grandmother, Mrs. H.G. Johnson of Meridian; her father and mother-in-law, Gerald and Eva Mae Necaie; her sister-in-laws, Belinda Rogers and her husband, Ronald, and Diane Cook and her husband, Talmadge; a brother-in-law, Jerry Necaie and his wife, Joy; and 13 nieces and nephews.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at St. Williams Catholic Church, Edwin Ladner Road in Pass Christian. Riemann Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to Gage and Jettie Mae College Fund, c/o Hancock Bank, Diamondhead.

MILDRED PARKIN

Mildred "Sam" F. Parkin, 77, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Parkin was a native of Elvins, Mo. and a longtime resident of Diamondhead. She relocated to Diamondhead from St. Louis, Mo. in 1989. She was a beautician, and died of heart failure.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas J. Parkin of Diamondhead; a daughter, Kimberley P. Hunnicke and her husband, Steven G. Hunnicke of New Orleans; and two grandchildren, Jessica Hunnicke of Davidsonville, Md., and Abbeyle Hunnicke of Carlisle, Pa.

Visitation will be from 12 to 1 p.m. today at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association.

MERLYN PETERSON SR.

Merlyn J.W. Peterson Sr., 78, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, in Collins.

Mr. Peterson was a native of New Orleans. He was the superintendent for T.C. Smith and Sons Shipping.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Peterson of Picayune; four daughters, Gena Esque and Lee Linsten, both of Picayune, Penny Zerr and Shaye Ferrara, both of St. Bernard, La.; a son, Merlyn Peterson Jr. of St. Bernard, La.; two brothers, Morris and Noell Peterson, both of New Orleans; two sisters, Doris Blum of New Orleans and Joycelyn Clanton of Kiln; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at McDonald Funeral Home. Services will be at 7 p.m. at 7 Abby Rd. in Picayune. The family prefers memorials to Toys for Tykes 1948 Hwy 11 South Picayune 39466.

LAVERNE SIEGEL

LaVerne Harold Siegel, 67, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Siegel was a native of Muskegon, Mich., and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. He was retired from the United States Navy, serving in the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Jennie Telleson Siegel; and three brothers, Kenneth Siegel, Raymond Siegel and Jerry Siegel. Survivors include his wife, Verna M. Siegel of Bay St. Louis; a son, Craig Siegel of Waveland; two daughters, Diane Blappert of Waveland and Pamela Weysham of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Delores Lemke; two brothers, Bob Siegel and Don Siegel, all of Muskegon, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Services were held Wednesday at Biloxi National Cemetery, directed by Edmond Fahey Funeral Home.

BIRDIE STEWART

Birdie Shaw Stewart, 85, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003.

Ms. Stewart was a native of Hancock County and lived in Perkinston. She was a homemaker and a member of Crane Creek Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Robert Stewart; parents, Calvin and Ascenith Shaw; seven brothers, Purcell Shaw, Melvin Shaw, Johnson Shaw, Robert Shaw, Frank Shaw, Walter Shaw and Rosamond Shaw; and three sisters, Zora Shaw Guillott, Selena Shaw Smith, and Flora Shaw Thomas.

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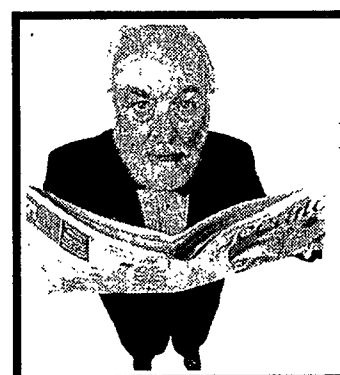
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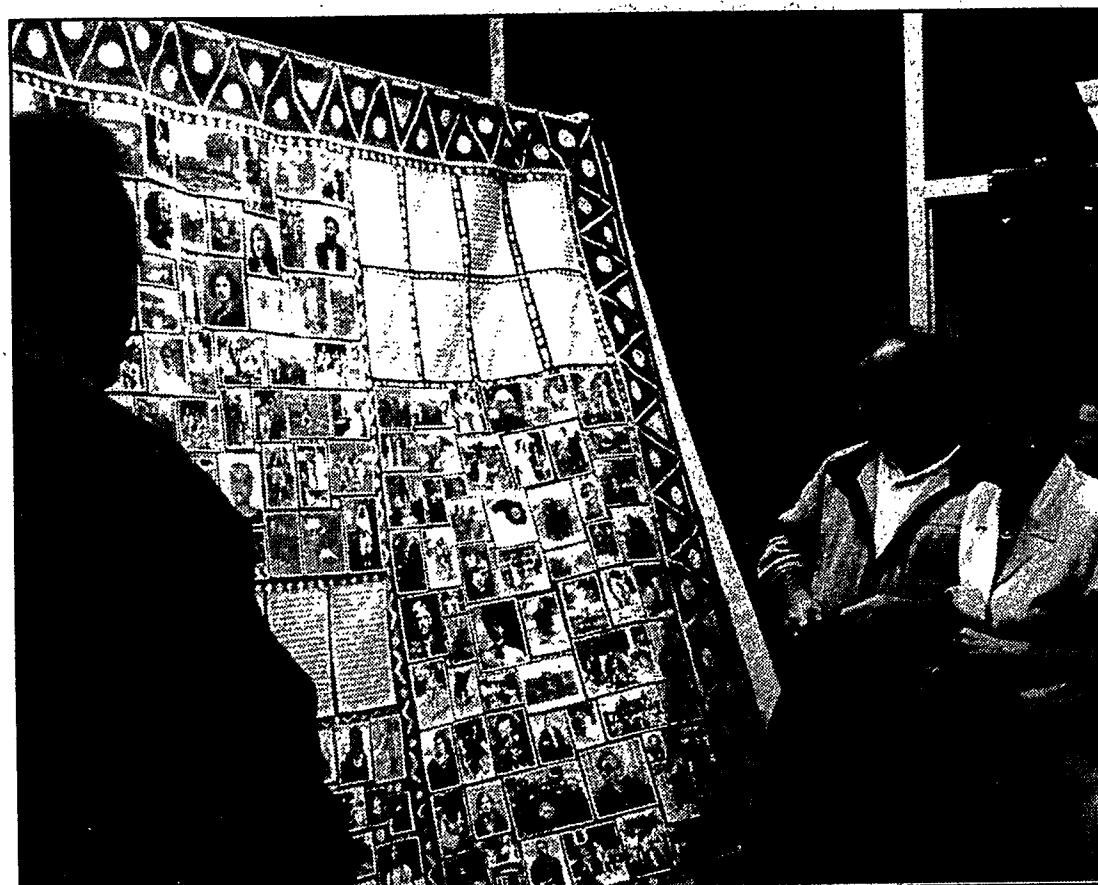
The Life of Miss Celestine Labat



(Top) Joseph Labat, nephew of Miss Celestine Labat, looks over his son Brian's shoulder at the fabric collage by local artist Lori Gordon of the life of Miss Labat.

The fabric collage, works by sculptor Richmond Barthe' and other memorabilia of Bay St. Louis' first blacks are all on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library as part of its Black History Month exhibit.

(Bottom) Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, left, Bay St. Louis, Mayor Eddie Favre and artist Lori Gordon unveil the fabric collage of the life of Miss Celestine Labat. The collage, along with sculptures by Bay St. Louis sculptor Richmond Barthe' and memorabilia of Bay St. Louis' first blacks are on display at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library through the month of February as part of its Black History Month exhibit.



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Urban Forestry Conference set Feb. 18-20 at Grand Casino

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"Living Under the Trees" is the theme of this year's Urban Forestry Conference set for Tuesday, Feb. 18, through Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Grand Casino, Gulfport.

The event is jointly sponsored by the Mississippi Urban Forestry Council (MUFC) and the Professional Arborists Association of Mississippi (PAAM).

The entire session on Wednesday will cover the history, benefits and future of the live oaks in our coastal towns. Discussion of human impacts, diseases, care, and protection will be included in the presentations by professional researchers and community leaders.

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Continuing education credits will be available for a number of professionals including certified foresters, city planners, landscape architects, horticulturist, builders and developers, parks and recreation professionals and Realtors.

The registration fee is \$100 for full conference and \$75 for one day attendance. You may register in site or call Rick Olson at the MS Urban Forest Council at (601) 359-2856 or visit the Mississippi Forestry Commission's web site at www.mfc.state.ms.us.

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Survivors include three daughters, Peggy Jean Odom of Poplarville, Betty Alice Brooks of Vancleave, and Linda Lynell Craft of Elk Grove, Calif.; a son, Robert Douglas Stewart of Perkinston; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Crane Creek Baptist Church. Burial will be in Crane Creek Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DORIS VOGT

Doris Arnold Vogt, 72, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Vogt was a native of Hancock County and a lifelong resident of Waveland. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church, Waveland.

She was a Charter Member of Nereids. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Vogt; and her parents, Thomas William and Ruth Cavanan Arnold.

Survivors include a son, Scott Paul Vogt of Houma, La.; a daughter, Ann V. Smith of Diamondhead; a brother, Jack Arnold of Waveland; four sisters, Beverly Cassanova of Waveland, Helen Bordages of Bay St. Louis, Anna Breerwood,

and Joyce Kueglen, both of Metairie, La.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Our Lady of The Gulf Catholic Church. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. The family prefers memorials to St. Jude's Children Research 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

GARY WAYNE WRIGHT

Gary Wayne Wright, 55, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, in Slidell, La. Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

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'Idle Hands Belong to the Devil' at Lumberyard

Artist Dan Rebeck, originally from Minnesota, has a background in many different media which have all influenced his unique style of assemblage.

His college studies in graphic design, photography, and 3-D design combined with technical skills in sign lettering and auto body repair to forge his own individual folk art style. He began using his wide range of talents to create intricately carved ice fishing lures which were used by fishermen and also sold to art collectors. His original folk art became so popular that he couldn't keep up with the demand for his work.

When he moved to the Mississippi Gulf Coast eight years ago, friends offered to teach him yet another technique - tattooing. The energy of this alternative culture combined with his other acquired skills to produce powerful mixed media constructions with diverse subjects. Religious icons, automobile parts, lucky and unlucky charms, all converge in colorful and controversial sculptures. Celebrity images such as Elvis and James Dean mingle with death, fate, luck,

Jesus and Satan in altars and crucifix collages. Traditional rituals and popular beliefs are juxtaposed against commonplace relics, nuts and bolts of the Twentieth Century.

Dan began using religious articles in his art when he noticed how much of it was being thrown out or given away. He also became interested in using Elvis as a subject after visiting Graceland and seeing how people reacted. "People idolize him just like a supreme being. I'm just changing the way I look at Elvis and the other religious images. They are things we look at everyday, I've just changed them to give them a new, out of place look." The artist doesn't present his work to be irreverent or critical of anyone's beliefs. He compares the relationships in his work with the strong religious roots of Mardi Gras that have evolved into a disconnected carnival celebration. "These are very powerful images that everyone recognizes. I just use them in a different way."

This exhibit combines a wide range of emotional forces with strong and sometimes disturbing visual

images. Not unlike contemporary music, and film, the show carries a disclaimer that it may not be suitable for all audiences. "Idle Hands Belong to the Devil" is a unique exhibit rearranging found objects and traditional beliefs to present a different point of view.

An opening Artist's Reception will be held Sunday, Feb. 16, from 6-8 p.m. at The Lumberyard Art Center (299 S. Second Street, Bay St. Louis). The exhibit will run from Feb. 16 until March 5. Gallery hours are Wednesday - Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm. For more information, contact Vicki Niolet at (228) 467-8318.



'Our Town' makes mark on military cast



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

Randy Simon, Stephanie Landing and Michael Tori Mihaly

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

As a service to this country, Randy Simon, Stephanie Landing and Michael Tori Mihaly have dedicated their lives to the United States military.

Besides their military background and being on active duty, all three share a passion for theater. Currently, Simon, Landing and Mihaly are starring in Center Stage's production of "Our Town," which runs through Feb. 16.

Simon, a native of Columbus, Ohio, moved to the Coast in August 1999 with his wife, Stacy, and son, Scott. Although this is his first play on the Coast, Simon has been involved in theater almost his whole life.

Some of his roles include Major Paul Petkof in "Arms and the Man" and George in "Iky, Iky, Nye, Nye, Nye."

Until recently, he had been absent from the stage. So, he decided to audition for "Our Town" because he missed being in theater.

As a result, Simon discovered an important lesson in life while acting in the play.

"The broad theme of 'Our Town' is taking the time to look at life and enjoying it," he said. "With all the heighten activity in the world and me leaving next week, it helps me focus on family and friends before I leave."

Simon, who has been in the military for 12 years, found out he was being deployed the week after "Our Town" closes. As of Wednesday, he had no word as to where he was going.

He said he wasn't worried about leaving.

"It's my job. It's what I trained for," he said. "I've been deployed before and I know what to expect. I just hope it's not too long."

For Landing, who is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base as a pharmacy technician, deployment may also be a possibility. Her supervisor

has already left, and a close friend leaves next weekend.

Like Simon, the play has also delivered a message for this St. Clare, Mo., native, who received a Bravo Award for Best Supporting Actress at Biloxi Little Theatre for her role as Lenny McGrath in "Crimes of the Heart" in 2002.

"This play reminded me that we won't live forever, and we need to openly love each other while we have the chance," she said. "We may be gone tomorrow and all that people will remember about us is the way we treated them while we were living."

"We take each other for granted. We don't really take the time to look at each other like we should."

Mihaly, who serves in the Navy Cargo Handling Battalion No. 13, also applied the play's message to his life.

"Even though the play was written in 1938, it's even more applicable now because of how fast-paced our society is, and because we have so many distractions in our lives," he said. "Sometimes we forget to look at the moment we're living in."

This is the first play on the Coast for the Pittsburg, Penn., native, and he said he is very thankful for the experience.

He auditioned for "Our Town" because he hadn't been in a play since he left New York in June 2001. He has starred in such plays as "It's Gonna Be Okay, Willie," "A Christmas Carol," and "A Midsummer's Night Dream."

Mihaly, who may be shipped out in September, said he's always thinking about the future and not the present.

"Acting is the one time in my life that I really focus on the moment," he said.

"Our Town" runs tonight through Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. For more information, call 228-388-6258.

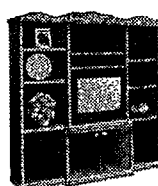
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OLA makes it four in a row!

Crescents make history with 4th consecutive soccer championship

Team returns to 1A-2A-3A again and again — under three different coaches; takes latest win over 'age-old' nemesis

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Our Lady Academy Crescents were the first girls soccer team in the state of Mississippi back in 1990. They had to travel to Louisiana and Alabama to play games because no other school fielded a girls team. All that has changed, but one thing has remained the same. The first girls team has remained #1.

OLA made Mississippi high school athletic history last year when it won its third consecutive state soccer title. In 2003 the Crescents extended that streak and now is the first team in state history to win four consecutive titles.

The Crescents defeated their age-old nemesis St. Andrews 1-0 for the Class 1A-2A-3A state title. The title improved the Crescents record to 19-2-4 overall.

An odd tidbit for the titles, though, is the fact that OLA has won the four crowns under three differ-

ent head coaches. The first title was brought home by Karen Hunt. Then, former William Carey College female standout Christi Elias won consecutive titles before handing the reigns over to former William Carey College male stand-out Danny Owens this season.

Megan Flynt scored the only goal of the contest about 11:00 before haltime on a breakaway shot. It was the only goal that OLA needed.

The Crescents stormed through the season losing only twice to Mississippi competition.

The two losses came to Clinton and Tupelo, both participants in the Class 5A girls state title game. Tupelo defeated Clinton 1-0 for the 5A title.

This is the second state title for OLA this school year. Earlier in the fall semester, the Crescents captured the state volleyball title. In volleyball, the teams all compete in one class. Clare Adam, Rachel Cranford, Katherine Milner, and Julie Reboul all played on the volleyball title team, as well.



OLA senior Kara Harshbarger takes the ball away from a Saints defender.

Photo courtesy of the Madison County Journal



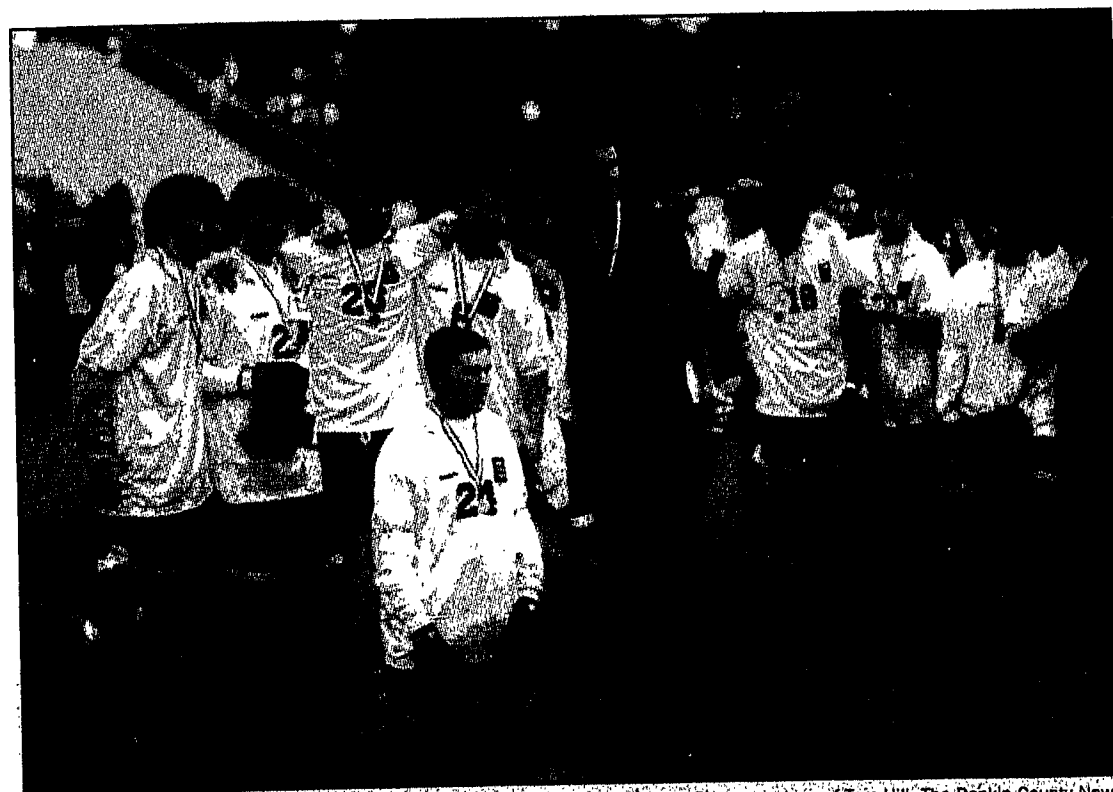
The Crescents used their heads Saturday in their win over St. Andrew's at Clinton High School to take their fourth consecutive 1A-2A-3A state soccer championship.

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The Crescents are all smiles after their victory Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Mike Meyers



The Rock-a-chaws pose for photos Saturday after their championship win over Pearl.

Photo courtesy of Tom Hill, The Rankin County News

SSC slams Pearl 3-1 for Mississippi 4A soccer title

Win marks Rocks' 3rd crown in sport, 1st at this level

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw soccer team braved the cold temperatures of Jackson and a hard charge by the Pearl Pirates to win their third state soccer title 3-1 on Saturday, February 8. While the title was their third one in the sport, it is the Rocks' first in Class 4A. SSC won state soccer titles

in Class II in 1996 and 1997 before the state moved to the three classification set they have now.

The championship improved the Rocks' record in 2003 to 24-2-1 and was a rematch of the 2002 state title game which Pearl won 4-1.

SSC head coach Andy Kivlan stated, "The players fought very hard today and they were just not going to be denied. Pearl had so many weapons to throw at us and we just worked hard to shut them down. I thought we controlled the game well and fought back

to reclaim the momentum when Pearl scored."

Sophomore Elias Alam scored twice and Peter Doty once to lead the Rocks to the title. Alam's first goal about 16:00 into the first half broke open the game for the Rocks. He ripped the net after getting one-on-one with the Pearl goalie.

The Alam goal was the difference at haltime as SSC maintained a slim 1-0 advantage.

Early in the second half, Peter Doty added to his career-leading tally of 111

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SPORTS

PRCC sweeps softball doubleheader over Bevill State Bears

THE SEA COAST ECHO
POPLARVILLE Pearl River's Wildcats kicked off its 2003 season in grand style here Saturday, sweeping Bevill State's Bears 2-1 and 7-4 in doubleheader community college baseball action.

Both squads managed four hits each in the first game of the twin bill, while PRCC cracked 11 hits and overcame four errors in the nightcap to open the season at 2-0 overall. BSCC is now 0-2.

The Wildcats, the defending NJCAA Region XXIII and Central District champs, entered the openers with plenty of national attention. PRCC garnered a No. 5 preseason ranking in the American Coaches' Association's NJCAA Division II poll, while grabbing the No. 7 spot in the NJCAA's poll.

In the first game, the

Bears went up 1-0 in the top of the second when a hit batter and passed ball set the stage for Charlie Davis' RBI single, but the Wildcats' Jeff Middleton of Mobile evened it up in the bottom of the frame with a lead off solo homer.

Pearl River iced the win in the bottom of the fourth when Justin Gros of Oak Grove singled, stole second, and scored off a single by Josh Abshier of Baton Rouge. Davis cracked a one-out single in the top of the final inning, but the Wildcats ended the game with a double play.

Freshman righthander Chad Catalano (1-0) of Covington, La., hurled the entire distance in picking up a win in his first collegiate start; striking out five, walking none, and hitting one batter. BSCC's Michael Repole (0-1) picked up the loss in going four innings

(one strikeout, one walk, one hit batter). He was relieved by Travis Smith in the fifth, who struck out two, walked none, and hit no batters.

Abshier, a 6-foot-6 freshman outfielder from Central High School in Baton Rouge, paced the Wildcats with two singles; while freshman Thomas Royals of Lumberton High singled.

Justin Lacy doubled and singled for the Bears, while Davis had two singles.

In the second game, Bevill State took the lead early. Lacy cracked a one-out double in the top of the first, stole third, and scored off Morrow Thomley's single to put the Bears up 1-0. PRCC went three up, three down in the bottom of the frame, but blasted the Bears for four runs in the bottom of the second.

Middleton opened with a double, then moved to third

on a passed ball, setting the stage for Abshier's first collegiate home run to make it 2-1. Bear starter Dustin King followed by hitting Neal Favre of St. Stanislaus, then gave up a single to Royals. Justin Laxson of Clinton reached on a fielder's choice and Royals scored off a single by Brad Wood of Oak Grove to make it 3-1.

Laxson and Wood then pulled off a double steal to set the stage for an RBI single by Matt Riser of Picayune to make it 4-1.

In the top of the fifth, Wildcat starter Nick Tisone of Mandeville, La., got two quick outs, but then Bevill cut The River's lead to 4-2 off three straight singles by Lacy, Travis Smith, and Thomley. Tisone got out of the frame by striking out Repole. The Wildcats left runners stranded at second and third in the bottom of

the inning.

In the top of the sixth, one of the Wildcats' four errors in the game tied it up. Tisone retired the first batter, then gave up a single and a double and struck out Wade before exiting the game for Neal Cannon of Petal. Cannon walked Davis to load the bases, then a throwing error to first base scored the tying runs.

In the bottom of the frame, Favre answered the Bears' comeback by bashing a lead off solo homer to put the Wildcats back on top. Riser and Wood singled, then Gros walked to load the bases and set the stage for a two-run single by Rhyne Hughes of Picayune to end the scoring.

Middleton, an All-Tournament selection at last May's NJCAA World Series in Millington, Tenn., relieved Cannon in the seventh and retired the side,

striking out the last batter.

Cannon (1-0) picked up the win despite pitching only one-third of an inning, while Tisone finished the game with seven strikeouts in his five-and-two-thirds frames (no walks, no hit batters).

John Harden (0-1) was the loser in relief of King. Harden entered the game in the fourth and pitched two-and-one-thirds innings, before relinquishing the mound to Thomley.

Wood paced all hitters in the contest with three singles, while Middleton singled and doubles. Royals had two singles, while Abshier and Favre homered and Riser, Hughes, and Gros all singled.

PRCC heads to Niceville, Fla., this Friday through Sunday to enter the Okaloosa-Walton Tournament (game times, opponents to be announced).

Spotlight On Dining 2003

Ricky's Bar & Grill

Chef Rickey Peters invites you to experience the culmination of his talents at Ricky's Bar and Grill, 207 Coleman Avenue, Waveland. Chef Rickey is a protégé of Chef Paul Prudhomme. An artisan in his trade for fifteen years, Chef Rickey is proud to offer original dishes to please your palate.

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Speaking of tiny appetites, kids have their own section on the menu and each is given a little stuffed toy - a dolphin, naturally.

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Bring your special Valentine to Ricky's for a romantic 5 course meal. You will begin your dining experience with a crabcake served with creole mustard sauce. A fresh spinach salad tossed with poppy seed dressing, walnuts and topped with smoked duck, compliments the crab & corn bisque. Your entree is a choice of prime rib, pecan encrusted seabass or a 7oz. lobster tail. Finish off your dinner with chocolate cheesecake. All of this including a glass of champagne for only \$29.95 per person.

Chef Rickey gives much credit to partner Bill Boyd and to his staff. "I could not do this without them", says Rickey.

Ricky's lunch specials, served 11-3 daily, start at only \$5.95. Monday night's special is tender baby-back ribs. Hungry yet?

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Hawks bow out in thriller; SSC & Lady Hawks advance

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The #2-seeded Hancock Hawks lost a thrilling first round division tournament game to the #3-seeded Oak Grove Warriors 59-53 in Kiln on Tuesday. In earlier action, the #4-ranked Lady Hawks advanced with a decisive 61-24 victory over the fourth-seeded Lady Panthers of Petal.

On Monday, the #6-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws blew past the seventh-seeded Vancleave Bulldogs 74-37 in Vancleave to advance in the Division 8 Class 4A tournament.

While the difference in the score was six points on the board, the difference between Hancock and Oak Grove on the court was miniscule. Both teams battled ferociously for rebounds, points, and the right to move on in their semi-final matchup Tuesday night.

The game was tied 13-13 after one period of play. The Warriors had a tough time stopping Adam Ladner down low late in the opening period and the Hawks had no answer for Rick Flowers who slashed to the basket in the first period for the Warriors.

Oak Grove stretched their lead to seven 25-18 behind Flowers by half-time. The Warriors kept the distance at the end of three periods 38-32 to set up the fantastic fourth period.

The Hawks (12-15) played a fabulous fourth period as Daron Boone got hot early and Cody Ladner, Adam Ladner, and Braxton Rockwell came alive later in the period.

Boone scored the Hawks' first five points of the period

and then two teams traded baskets for the next five minutes. In the final two minutes of play, the Hawks showed their resolve.

Braxton Rockwell pulled the Hawks to within three 52-49 with a layup with 1:05 left to play.

The Warriors got a bucket quickly to go back up by five points. Cody Ladner nailed two charity shots with :40 left before Boone picked Michael Clowers' pocket for a basket which cut the score to 54-53 with :21 left to play.

The Warriors missed their opportunity at the other end and the Hawks came down with the rebound. However, an offensive foul sealed the fate of the Hawks as the Warriors converted an old-fashioned three-point play with :09 left to play. To add emphasis to the win, a steal and bucket with :01 left made the final tally.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner commented, "I am very proud of the way we fought back into the game, especially at the end. We showed tremendous fight tonight. It was solid effort and I can't say enough about how we played. I am very proud of our players. It is very frustrating to end a game and a season with a contest as close as this. Oak Grove battled hard all night long."

The Hawks were led by Cody Ladner's 16 points and 10 rebounds followed by Daron Boone's 12 points. Jeremy Strief, Daron Boone, and Cody Ladner were all named to the Region 5-5A team following the game. The Oak Grove Warriors advance to play top-seeded Hattiesburg on

Friday, February 14 at 8pm in Kiln.

The Lady Hawks advanced to the finals to play Hattiesburg with their 61-24 thrashing of Petal.

The game was never in doubt as Hancock built a 16-2 first period lead and increased that to a 36-4 lead at halftime. All Lady Hawk players touched the court and scored in the first round game.

The Lady Panthers did not score their tenth point in the game until the 3:01 mark of the third period.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton stated, "We came out with intensity and kept it up throughout the entire game. Our shot selection was good tonight and we all played well together on the court."

The Lady Hawks (24-6) were led by Brooke Necaise's 14 points followed by Devin Necaise and Amanda Arcement with nine points each.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws breezed past the Vancleave Bulldogs 74-37 on Monday in Division 8 Class 4A tournament play. The win sets up a rematch with the Gautier Gators on Thursday, February 13 at 8:30pm. The Gators defeated the Rocks on a three-point at the buzzer in overtime 48-45.

That loss prevented the Rocks from claiming the top seed in the division tournament. The loss to Gautier marked the first time the Rocks have lost consecutive games in over three seasons.

SSC (26-4) jumped out to a 25-7 lead at the end of the first period and never looked back. By halftime

the score was 45-24 with the Rocks firmly in control.

Mario Faranda, Gabe Willis, and Darius Acker all scored 17 points to lead the Rocks to the win. Faranda added 15 boards to his total in the win.

SSC assistant head coach Kelton Thompson commented, "We got a lot out of our break. We were more patient in offense and Gabe Willis and Darius pressured the other guards on defense. We were able to get some steals and convert in transition."

"Our big men down low did not move as well tonight as they have in the past. We were caught standing still at points and it hurt us with fouls. It was a good win for us and we are fortunate to move on to the second round. We will play the winner of the Gautier/D'Iberville game."

It should be a very good game on Thursday."

In season finale action prior to the division tournament all the area team experienced wins. The #2-ranked Bay High (28-1) girls raced past the St. Martin Lady Yellow Jackets 80-24. Kendra Reed led the way with 35 points and 8 rebounds. Carment Labat added 17 points, Stephanie Reed 13 points, and Lamonica James 10 points.

The Hancock Hawks defeated the D'Iberville Warriors on February 7 88-60.

Braxton Rockwell scored 26 points followed by Adam Ladner's 23 points. Cody Ladner tallied a triple-double for the Hawks with 16 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 assists in the win.

The Lady Hawks also defeated the Lady Warriors

49-33 as Brooke Necaise led the way with 14 points. Devin Necaise added 13 points in the win.

The Bay High Tigers (6-17) dropped their game with

the Yellow Jackets of St. Martin 68-57. Marquez Singleton and Lorenzo Lewis each scored 20 points in the loss.



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Rocks -- big win

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goals with a free kick to make the score 2-0 in favor of SSC. Doty has signed an athletic scholarship with Boston University.

With just over 16:00 remaining in the game, Pearl scored to make the contest interesting. However, the sense of urgency for SSC was short-lived as Alam eased the fear with his second goal of the game at the 12:00 mark.

Doty gave the seniors this year were a tremendous group to work with. I wish them the best of luck in all their future activities. They have made a great mark on the program here at SSC. We have a strong nucleus returning like starters Elias Alam, Beau Brodtmann, Michael Kivlan, and Patrick Donohoe. We will just get back to work and do our best to get back."

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Wetlands Reserve Program helps property owners with restoration

BY JAMES L. CUMMINS

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) provides financial and technical resources to landowners to restore wetlands on private property.

Since 1992, there have been approximately 300 easements enrolled in Mississippi encompassing over 100,000 acres.

In addition to restoration, WRP provides financial support to agricultural producers by purchasing wetland easements on their high risk, high cost agricultural lands that are frequently flooded.

The WRP was created as a voluntary land-retirement program designed to assist landowners in restoring and protecting wetlands. The three options include permanent easements, 30-year easements and restoration cost-share agreements.

Mississippi has the second largest enrollment of WRP acres in the nation. Because the program is so popular with landowners, until recently, applications were backlogged on more than 47,000 acres.

Due to the assistance of Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott and the recent Farm Bill, the backlog has now been filled and acreage is available.

Since 1992, reforestation of WRP bottomland hardwood forests has been completed on approximately

114,000 acres. Additionally, hydrology restoration measures have been completed on approximately 20,000 acres.

Currently, working through partnerships, the Natural Resources Service (NRC) is restoring an estimated 14,000 acres of wildlife habitat annually. In 2002, the WRP funding allocation for Mississippi was \$13.0 million.

The program is working. For example, when Henry Fleming retired in 1997 after nearly 50 years of raising cotton and soybeans, he did something many farmers don't always get to do. He kept the farm.

Several years ago, he put the farm on the market and grieved at the impending loss of the family farm due to the economy. His son, David, had been reading up on the NRC's WRP and it quickly dawned on him that it might be possible for them to keep the farm

through this program.

Everyone realized the WRP program could provide the solution to this dilemma. This program is providing the capitol to pay off the farm debt. Hardwood trees have been planted for wildlife by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Approximately 600 acres of well-drained cotton land is still being farmed. Fleming put 963 acres in WRP and has donated a conservation easement.

He and his children and 10 grandchildren will have the opportunity to continue using the land for recreation for generations to come.

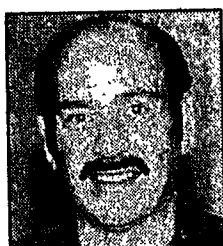
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Nereids 'Star Struck' at 37th Annual Ball

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The Krewe of Nereids presented their thirty-seventh annual ball masque at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum on Saturday, February 8. The evening began with the presentation of the Royal Court of 2002 and a welcome by the officers of Nereids. As the Captain emerged through a channel of top hatted gentlemen, the audience was captivated by her exquisite gown of black and silver metallic fabric. The empire style dress was covered in blue iridescent sequins with sleeves trimmed in long silver beaded fringe. Her double collar consisted of an inner panel of turquoise peau de soie and rhinestones while the outer layer was covered in black sequined fabric with mirror appliques. The entire collar was surrounded by a proliferation of turquoise plumes.

Following the Captain's entrance and opening of the gala, the audience was thrilled by the Krewe's presentation of "Star Struck," a star studded celebration of our fascination with celebrity. The members of Nereids brought a variety of stars and music to life as they danced through selections from Tina Turner, Elton John, Marilyn Monroe and Ricky Martin. The audience was also treated to a look at a spectacular evening at the Golden Globe Awards, as well as an MTV movie awards party performed by the talented Nereids children. The tableaux was filled with energy, great music and excitement and was enjoyed by all.

Reigning over the festivities was Queen Doris XXXVII, whose identity is never revealed. King Nereus XXXVII, Mr. Stephen Turcotte, is a resident of Waveland and is employed by G.E. Plastics.

Pages to Her Majesty were Sabrina Nicole Bradford and Caroline Elizabeth Crosby. Pages to His Majesty were Laura Hutton Chapman and Mercedes Ann Thomas.

Dukes to his majesty were Joseph Kelly, John Pucheu, Trey E. Kidd, Camors Christopher Roth, John E. Thompson and Rickey E. Ladner.

Queen Doris XXXVII was strikingly elegant in her gown of pure white Italian satin. Her scoop neck dress was adorned with rhinestones and exquisite crystal fringe that hung from the gown in a unique chevron design. The fringe accentuated the sleeve, as well, to produce a stunning, yet delicate appearance.

The queen's mantel of white satin was trimmed in rhinestones and Swarovski crystals to enhance the heavily sequined "N" that was displayed at the center in tribute to her Krewe of Nereids. The costume of King Nereus XXXVII matched in design that of the Queen.

The maids and dukes of the royal court of 2003 reminded all of the star studded Tony awards, the Oscars, the Grammys and many more spectacular celebrity events.

"On this night of a Thousand Stars" was depicted as the first maid appeared in a gown of deep, radiant pink covered in pink and silver sequined stars. The dress was adorned with large crystals and mirrored



Echo file photo
The Captain of the Krewe of Nereids, at last year's Mardi Gras parade in Waveland.

appliques, with strings of large silver beads draping from the back of the gown to her wrists. Her collar reflected the design of the dress while her head piece accentuated the ensemble with lavender plumes, hot pink feathers and dangling sequined stars.

Elton John's famous ballad, "Candle in the Wind," was elegantly portrayed in the second maid's elaborate costume of white and turquoise satin coupled with green metallic fabric. Her self train was adorned with a sequined candle and flame with petit silver beading, while her collar depicted the blowing of the wind and was enhanced by large aqua plumes. The theme was repeated in her unique head piece which was topped with an actual glowing candle.

"The Kiss of Fire" was recalled as the next maid entered in her gown which had a distinctly Latin flair. The yellow sheath was stun-

ning with cascading ruffles of fuchsia, green and orange. Her collar was a blaze of the same colors, surrounded by fuchsia plumes. The turban style head piece enhanced with yellow plumage, spiked with fuchsia feathers and green ferns, repeated the Latin theme of the dress.

The ever popular tune of "Memories" was remembered as the fourth maid entered in a gown of gold satin with a self train lined in black fur. The "cat eye" design on the back of the train was mesmerizing, as was the delightful black fur tail that trailed after her. The striking head piece of black plumes surrounded the head of a theatrical feline and was enhanced with coral sequined stars and mirrors.

The fifth maid, representing "The Partnership," wore a traditional Shakespearean costume of green satin accented by gold sequined medallions, rubies

and rhinestones. Her sleeves were stunning with exaggerated cuffs completely covered in red, green and gold sequins, and a green satin train falling from the shoulders and decorated with gold sequins trailed behind her. Her heart shaped collar and Shakespearean head piece with two tone green plumes completed the splendid ensemble.

As the final maid appeared, the audience was captivated by her extremely elaborate double headed dragon collar that spanned six feet across her shoulders. Her costume, characterizing "The Last Emperor," was an exquisite sheath of gold satin, embellished with red oriental markings and enhanced by a black velvet cloak with a red sequined dragon design.

Each maid and her duke in corresponding costume made a spectacular vision during the procession of the Royal Court of 2003 in their grand promenade around the floor.

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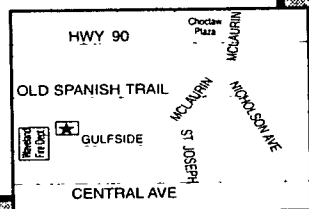
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Although each is usually a solo act, Mel and Pam Tillis have joined forces to share the stage, bringing nearly 50 years of country music and two generations together. Country music great, Mel Tillis, started his 47-year performing career in the early 1950's with a group called the Westerners while serving as a baker in the United States Air Force, stationed in Okinawa, Japan. In 1956, Webb Pierce's recording of Mel's song "I'm Tired," launched his musical career.

In 1976, Mel was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters International Hall of Fame, and that same year was named the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year. Mel's songs have been recorded by such artists as Brenda Lee, Charley Pride and Ricky Skaggs, The Oak Ridge Boys, George Strait, and Kenny Rogers' version of "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town."

Mel has appeared in



Mel & Pam Tillis

more than a dozen feature films including "Every Which Way but Loose" with Clint Eastwood, "Cannonball Run" I and II, and "Smokey and the Bandit II" with Burt Reynolds, and the lead with Roy Clark in "Uphill All the Way."

For Mel's oldest daughter Pam, her project entitled "It's All Relative, Tillis Sings Tillis," says as much about her own successes and status in country music

as it does about her famous father. She selected an eclectic range of talent to complete her tribute album to her father, including Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Marty Stuart, Rhonda Vincent, Trisha Yearwood, The Jordanaires, Delbert McClinton and Asleep at the Wheel's Ray Benson. Pam's siblings and a few of Mel's grandchildren also get a chance to pay honor to Mel by singing on

"Come On And Sing."

Pam's musical talent has simply always existed -- like the seeds of the song ideas that Mel says were just there. After a childhood surrounded with music, Pam left college in Knoxville and moved to California settling for a time in Sausalito where she was a jazz singer. However, Pam saw little success from that time including on her first major label contract; so at the

advice of her family and friends, she moved back to Nashville and started anew in 1979. During the next decade as a songwriter, she began seeing the fruits of her hard work with cuts by Chaka Khan, Highway 101, Conway Twitty and others. The Nashville community embraced her and her name was now synonymous with talent instead of "Tillis." Tim DuBois recognized this also and signed her to Arista Records in 1989 for what would become a long-standing and successful relationship.

Her first Arista album debuted in 1990 entitled "Put Yourself In My Place," and resulted in her first number one hit, "Don't Tell Me What To Do," which became an anthem of sorts for Pam. In the years that followed, Pam earned the CMA Horizon Award, Female Vocalist of the Year, video of the year and a Grammy along the way. Five out of seven of her albums have certified either

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148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH WATERFRONT, newly renovated, pet-free. \$450/month, \$400/deposit includes water and sewer. 1-985-649-0826.

2BD/2BA \$425/ MONTH \$425/ DEP W/D hookups. 466-5082

2BR TRAILER FOR RENT, KILN Area. 255-5529.

2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT IN Kiln, Pet/free. 255-9397.

COUNTRY LIVING: NORTH HANCOCK County Ceasar-Necaise Road. 2/bedroom, 1/bath, \$375/month. 3/bedroom, 2/bath, \$475/month. Deposit required. Over looking lake. 228-255-4067.

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148 Mobile Homes For Rent

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14X70 MOBILE HOME 2BD/2BA covered front and back porches. Best offer. 601-749-8541, 601-273-1141

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150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

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2/3 BDRM HOME FRESHLY painted, new appliances 1 block from beach. Cntl h/air, corner lot. \$525 mo. pet/free Key Properties 467-0600

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FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA, new construction, 168 & 172 Felicity, \$775.; 803 Spanish Acres Dr. 3BR/2BA \$600/month; 405-A Citizen St. Townhome. 3BR/2-1/2BA \$850. Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate. 467-3777.

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159 Houses For Sale

3 BEDROOM RAISED HOME w/cntl heat

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sell during the four hours (between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.) on the 28th day of May, 2003, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, in the Town of Hancock, Louisiana, for cash to the highest and best bidder the following described land and property located and situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract of land described as beginning at the northeast corner of Lot 3, Block 2, of Anchorage Subdivision, and extending south to the Town of Veland, thence South 50 degrees 33' West 166 feet; thence South 39 degrees 27' East 67 feet to the Northwest line of Front Street, thence Northeast along said line 166 feet to the corner of Lot 3; thence North 39 degrees 27' East to place of beginning. Said land embraces all of Block 2 and a part of Lot 4 of Block 2 of Anchorage Subdivision in the Third Ward of the Town of Veland, Hancock County, Mississippi

Lot 3 and the Northeast 9 7/8 feet of Lot 4 of Block 2 of said Anchorage Subdivision for what is known as the "Anchorage Subdivision" consisting of the following described land and property:

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WHEATMAN'S SIGNATURE, this the 4th day of
January, 2003

DAVID A. WHEELER,
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27/03

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

HEREAS, on December 1, 2000, Mark D. Adams, executed a Deed to Trust in and to the Adams Trust for the use and benefit of Option One Mortgage Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 513 at Page 246 hereof; and WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota NA, as Trustee for

granted. Holders of Option to Purchase the land in the Trust, 2001-A, by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 724 at page 38 thereof, and

That certain deeds having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, to wit: the Trustee, to give notice in heretofore given to L. Lem Adams, Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred on me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction, to wit: on the 14th day of February, 2003, at 11 o'clock a.m. and 2 o'clock p.m. at the North front door of the County Courthouse in the County of Hancock, Mississippi, with 4 day of February, 2003, of the following described land and property being in same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi:

THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE BUILDINGS AND

improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, easements, privileges, servitudes, prescriptions, covenants and advantages thereunto in anywise appertaining, being more fully described as follows to-wit:

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